



"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."—II Luke 15-16.

### Pet Projects Are Hit by F. D. R. in His Economy Plan

Smaller Appropriations for Road Building Are Seen

#### CARTWRIGHT'S NOTE

Oklahoma Had Demand- ed Road Improvements in Sooner State

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Roosevelt called on members of Congress Wednesday to be content with smaller slices of federal funds for their pet projects, in order that the budget may be approximately balanced. He made his plea in a letter to Representative Cartwright (Democrat, Okla.).

The letter dealt with road building economies—a subject on which Congress has failed to agree. Recently, Mr. Roosevelt suggested curtailing the road construction program by cancelling certain authorizations before January 1.

Failure of Congress to repeal the authorizations left the secretary of agriculture no alternative to apportioning among the states \$214,000,000 for use on roads in the next fiscal year.

Letter by Cartwright

Cartwright, chairman of the House Roads Committee, wrote the president recently that no member of his committee had requested a meeting for immediate consideration of cancellation. He said he did not favor "a proposal to cancel all authorizations for roads for the next fiscal year, and to single out roads for a drastic and arbitrary reduction in several subsequent years, especially when no assurance has been given that corresponding reductions in other activities will be recommended."

Cartwright had cited what he termed a vital need and insistent demand for road improvements in Oklahoma.

Head Bureau Goes Ahead

The Bureau of Public Roads went ahead Wednesday with arrangements to apportion \$214,000,000 to states for highway improvements. Existing law requires that the allotment be made by January 1.

The road legislation authorized grants of about \$430,000,000 for highway assistance in the two fiscal years of 1938 and 1939. The apportionment will include \$125,000,000 for main highways and \$25,000,000 for feeder roads, grants which states are required to match. \$50,000,000 for elimination of grade crossings and \$14,000,000 for public land roads.

Many deep sea fish have phosphorescent organs which serve to give light around them, and attract prey.

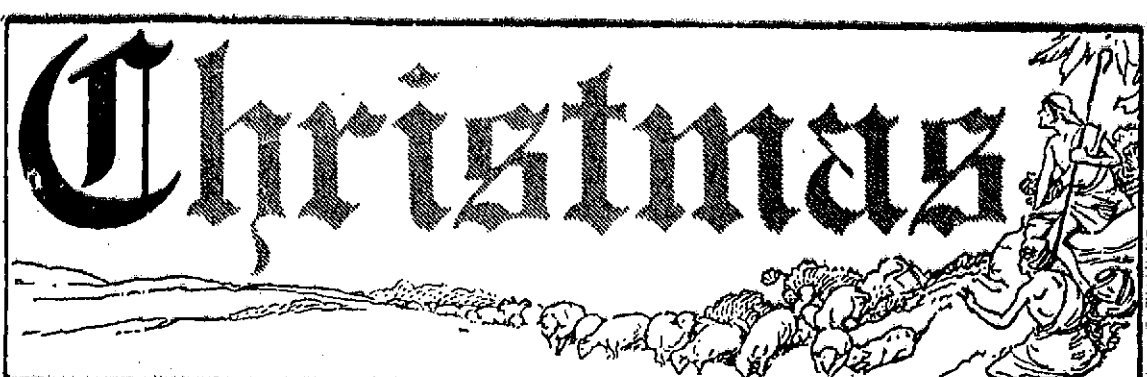
**CRANIUM CRACKERS**

1. Is Christianity the dominant religion in Palestine?
2. Can you identify the states which have the following state flowers: columbine, bluebonnet, sunflower, red clover, and Indian paintbrush?
3. How good are you at remembering dates? Can you recall the year in which the following events occurred?
  - a. San Francisco earthquake.
  - b. Liner Titanic sank after striking iceberg.
  - c. Lindbergh flew Atlantic alone.
  - d. Bruno Richard Hauptmann executed for Lindbergh kidnapping.
4. How did the state of Virginia get its name?
5. When did the treasury department begin to put "In God We Trust" on U. S. silver dollar?

Answers on Classified Page



"... and lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood where the young child was."—II Matthew 9-11.



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."—II Luke 9-11.

# Hope



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WEATHER. Arkansas—Partly cloudy, occasional rain Friday and in the north and central portions Thursday night, warmer in extreme north Friday.

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## TO WIDEN CONQUEST

### Definite Plan to 'Balance Budget' Is Now Promised

Roosevelt to Get Organized House Support, Says Solon

#### 2 MILLION JOBLESS

Five Arkansas WPA Projects Receive Presidential Approval

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Representative Dies (Dem. Tex.) told President Roosevelt in a letter Thursday that the house group would call a caucus or conference to "agree upon a definite program to 'balance the budget' immediately after congress re-assembles. Dies said an attempt would be made to place organized house support behind the executive's balancing program."

Special Session Cost

Capitol officials estimated the 37-day special session of congress cost about \$325,000. This total, they explained, did not include such items as salaries of senators and representatives—which were \$10,000 a year—and much incidental expense which is paid on an annual basis without regard to how many times congress meets.

About \$223,000 of the total expense for the extra session went for travel expenses for members of the senate and house, paid on the basis of 20 cents a mile for the round-trip between the members' home and Washington. The next largest item was for stationery. This cost was estimated at \$55,000 for the house and \$12,000 for the senate. The \$4-a-day wage for senate and house pages totaled about \$12,000.

Unemployment Grows

A WPA official estimated Thursday that 2,000,000 persons had become unemployed since September 1 and that 1,000,000 more might be out of jobs by the end of February.

The estimates were made by Leon Henderson, consulting economist, while preparations were being made a senate unemployment investigation beginning January 4.

Arkansas Projects

The WPA has informed Senator Caraway that grants totalling \$65,027 for five Arkansas projects have received presidential approval, it was learned Thursday.

The projects included: White county, home assistance for needy, \$2,325.

### Pine Bluff Man Is Injured by Train

J. H. Eddins, Clothing Salesman, Walks Into Freight Train

PINE BLUFF—J. H. Eddins, 61, identified with the clothing business in Pine Bluff for many years, was injured, possibly fatally, when he walked into a moving freight train at Third and Main streets, late Wednesday.

He was taken to a hospital with a broken right arm and many cuts and bruises.

The veteran salesman just had left a downtown store where he took part in its annual Christmas program, and it is believed his glasses were covered by the mist and he failed to see the train.

### Examples of Christmas Lighting as City of Hope Offers Electrical Prizes for Best-Decorated Homes This Season



—Photos by Hope Star.

Shot at random by The Star Monday night, these photographs of Hope residences have no relation to the contest in which the City of Hope is offering three electrical appliances as prizes for the best decorated local homes. The homes entered in the contest will be judged, and the prizes awarded, Friday night, December 24. The Star had to make its photos earlier, before many of the displays were arranged, in order to get the pictures into print before Christmas.

Top—Silhouette of The Three Wise Men following the Star of Bethlehem, built on a screen on the porch of Elmer Murph's home, East Second street.

BOTTOM LEFT—Doorway of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson's home, South Main street.

BOTTOM RIGHT—Outside Christmas tree at home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gillespie, West Avenue B.

### Japan Forms New Government Post Nanking Capital

Other Cities Threatened as Japs Seek More Territory

#### ATTACK AT NANKOW

Three Hundred Americans Flee From Yangtze River Valley

By the Associated Press

Japan formed a new autonomous government at captured Nanking Thursday presumably to replace Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist government.

The Japanese army appeared to be nowhere near the end of its conquests as it was spreading its reaches over the ever-widening front which threatened to encompass every important coastal city and an inestimable territory inland.

Three hundred Americans and other foreigners fled from the threat of another Japanese attack at Nankow, Yangtze river valley city.

The foreigners boarded a special evacuation train bound for Hongkong. In Spain, the Spanish government was jubilant over its capture of Teruel, insurgent strong point at the southern tip of the Aragon front.

The government proclaimed this victory its first move toward "reconquest of Spain."

#### Fired On Americans

TOKYO, Japan.—(AP)—The Japanese army Thursday admitted for the first time machine-gunning of Americans in the Yangtze river Panay incident—but did not mention firing on the United States gunboat itself.

Lieutenant Colonel Yoshitaki Nishi, former assistant Japanese military attaché at Washington, described the incident, emphasizing the Japanese troops' humanitarian actions when they were said to have discovered the Panay and its crew carried Americans.

He declared the entire incident resulted from efforts to cut off Chinese troops fleeing from Nanking, and stated positively that Japanese troops had failed to see identification or flags of any kind.

Aimed at China Vessel

"The shooting was aimed at the Chinese vessel the Linta," the Foreign Office said, "and the American ships were never objectives. It is supposed the allegation of the machine-gunning of the Panay was made on the part of those who mistook this and it is supposed there might have been stray bullets flying toward the Panay."

Raid to Divert Public

The Foreign Office report was issued in the midst of popular excitement caused by the arrest of 70 suspects ag-

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### CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



Babies born on Christmas Eve possess a ready tongue, while those born Christmas Day do not have such a "gift of gab" but better logic, according to a superstition in the Vosges Mountain region of Germany.

Shopping Day Till Christmas



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## Anti-War Petition Is Worth Signing

AMERICA is a nation of petition-signers. You can always get at least a few people to sign a petition for practically anything—to nominate Joe Doakes for dog catcher or to demand a reduction in the tariff on mother-of-pearl collar buttons—and the ordinary petition has a life as brief and as insignificant as that of the May fly.

But once in a blue moon there is an exception. For if you can get enough people to sign your petition—so many that you can number them in the millions—then your petition is no may fly at all, but something that gets attention in carload lots.

Such a petition is being circulated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars—a petition calling on Congress and the President to keep the United States out of war.

THE V. F. W. plans to circulate these petitions through each of its 3600 posts throughout the country. It is seeking the aid of newspapers, radio stations, civic clubs, women's organizations, churches, fraternal groups, and so on. It hopes to get 25,000,000 Americans signed up on a demand that Congress let the rest of the world fight its battles without American help.

There can be little doubt that this petition, whether it gets its 25,000,000 signatures or not, pretty accurately reflects the feelings of the people of the United States. For although public opinion can be hard to gauge, there is one thing—the overwhelming desire of the American people to keep out of war—about which there can be no doubt.

Nor can there be any doubt that such a petition, backed by that great weight of names, would have a profound effect on the people who run our government. No administration and no congress would dare flout a wish expressed as unmistakably as that. No propagandist anxious to get us into a foreign war would get far, trying to stem such a current. Get those 25,000,000 signatures and you guarantee peace for America—as far as peace can be guaranteed in this highly uncertain world.

DO WE want to tie our hands that way? At a time when international gangsters are on the prowl as never before, do we want to make it plain that no matter what they do we shall not lift a hand to stop them—unless, of course, they start muscling in on our own shores?

Well—why not? We learn things the hard way, always; but 1918 must have been enough to teach us that war is a poor way of removing wrongs from this world. We may not know precisely what our world mission is, but this is pretty clear: we can best serve the world by keeping our broad land free of the war spirit, by saving this continent as an oasis where human civilization can go on developing without sacrificing its best to the war god.

If you get a chance at the V. F. W. petition, sign it.

## Football Tax Kick

IT IS rather surprising to learn that certain great state universities have filed suit to recover amusement taxes collected by the federal government on football tickets. The universities contend that football is an essential state function, that the government cannot rightfully tax a university for performing such a function, and that the amusement tax has therefore been wrongly collected.

Unless we are getting back to the old Roman idea—that it is the government's job to keep the populace amused—it is pretty difficult to see just how football can be defended as an essential state function, even by the most elastic stretch of that term.

Football is a sport and a spectacle. It is fairly well professionalized, in its essentials, and the universities profit immensely by it. Few lawyers could take seriously the plea that it is such an essential part of the educational process that it should go untaxed.

# The Family Doctor

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By DR. MORRIS FISHBAIN  
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine.

## Stress Causing Nervous Breakdown May Affect All Classes of People

This is the first in a series of five articles in which Dr. Fishbain discusses cause, effect and treatment of nervous breakdown.

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In these days of stress and strain, rising and falling markets, insecurity of employment and speed of living, nervous breakdowns are not limited to the rich and the prominent.

Wear and tear are seen among rich and poor, prominent and lowly, alike. Neurasthenia, psychasthenia, nervous breakdown, or just plain nerves, are seen more and more frequently.

Because of the varied and poorly defined character of the symptoms, and because some physical inadequacy may be at the basis of the nervous disorder, the most complete examination possible is frequently necessary.

The average neurasthenic complains of feelings of tightness at the back of the neck, vague pains in the back, and fleeting sensations elsewhere in the body. Invariably he feels tired on getting up in the morning and by evening is usually irritable to an extreme.

In the typical case of nervous breakdown, a man or woman of average intelligence who frequently has prospered briefly suddenly finds further progress difficult. The afflicted person is hightailing and inclined to worry overmuch about little things.

Sooner or later he begins to worry also about his health. Perhaps he tries



A Bruce Catton

## Christmas Editorial

YOU would almost think that the ordinary adult would get used to Christmas, after all these years; would get a little case-hardened, so to speak, so that the day would lose a little bit of its special, magical appeal.

But somehow that never happens. Christmas is forever new; even the most dour and crabbed of people, like old Scrooge, are apt to find themselves mystically made over by its influence, if only for a day or two.

For Christmas is, among other things, a kind of spiritual rebirth which restores the freshness and expectancy of childhood. It is not for nothing that its common symbol is a jovial Santa Claus, bearing a pack of gifts for children. Above all other days, Christmas is a children's holiday; and the adult who can pass through it without at least partly entering once more the stainless and unforgetten world of his own childhood is a hard and isolated soul indeed.

And it is quite right that Christmas should be the children's day. Its infinite significance, born of that divine event in far-away Judea, is something we must never overlook in the hustle and bustle of holiday observance; and the One whose birth the holiday commemorates is, after

all, the author of that profound remark, "unless ye become as little children—"

Which, in its turn, is a reminder that a spiritual rebirth like the one which Christmas brings is entirely and fundamentally necessary to us. That coating of cynicism which worldly experience puts on all of us, that readiness to expect the worst, to return evil for evil, to suspect motives and to count the costs of all generous actions—is not that something which we must discard, somehow, before we can shape the world in the way it must be shaped?

We cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven with this cynicism; and Christmas is an excellent time to remember, also, that the Kingdom of Heaven is after all within ourselves. We must find the Kingdom there or nowhere. Until we do find it the world will continue to be the sorry and imperfect place it now is.

Christmas is a good time to start looking for it. For, on top of everything else, Christmas is a reminder that the Kingdom is really there, if we take the trouble to get at it. Man is perfectible, after all; his dreams are not vain, his ideals are not unattainable. If we can but remember that today, our Christmas will do for us what it was meant to do.

# Your Children

By Olive Roberts Barton

## Infant's Clowning Holds Deeper Significance.

Little children are natural-born clowns. Their unconscious humor is delightful to witness and especially to hear.

I take a day or two off from more serious things when our small fry come to grandma's to visit, just to absorb their young freshness, and enjoy them, as well as to study, oh, so tactfully, their reactions to experience.

Deedie is over half past three and Mary is half after two. Lowrie is six and Mary has started to country school and carries his little dinner box, much to my delight.

If you belong to the ranks of child fans, whether you have any of your own or not, may I quote some of the funny things these little troupes have said? Read between the lines, and notice the memory, ingenuity and imagination involved.

**Surprising Memories**  
Deedie had heard the story, perhaps months before, of the chicken thief who, to the owner's demand of "Who's there?" replied: "There's nobody here but us chickens, boss." Nobody knew that she had understood. Besides all those weeks had elapsed.

One day she hid in the closet. Her mother went about pretending to hunt. "Where's Deedie?" Finally she winked at me and said, "I do believe there is somebody in this cupboard." But the stowaway sang out instantly, "There's nobody here but us shoes."

"One day she was singing as she colored her animal book with crayons. "Oh, the kitty kissed the dog and the dog kissed the cat. I want my lover back to me, oh, I want my lover back to me."

I asked her one day what her gables were made of. Very promptly she fixed me with her big blue eyes and said seriously, "Steel. The very best steel."

Her story of how she lost her "jack-et" on the road and how a dog named Kaffin Boony ("I asked its name several times and it never varied) pushed her away and took it home, was classic. She invented by the minute and it took her to complete this novel. It had plot and drama, but not a word of truth. At the end, I said, "Well, well,

at herself in the long store mirror, she stood like a figure of judgment, still and stern. "It's simply gorgeous," she pronounced solemnly.

She bounced into the dining room where we were eating one evening, and knowing it was her bedtime, thought she would divert attention. She had her dolly.

"In Mrs. Jones, hello," she announced. So I said, "In Mrs. Smith, good-bye." Her eyes twinkled. She knew, turned around and stamped upstairs.

She came to me one day when her mother was hurriedly making a dress to cover a new but naked doll. "She's making my material," she shot at me, and bounced out. I could go on. The wisdom of babes always delights me. The days are filled with cute things. Are they just cute? You tell me. I think they hold a world of meaning.

## FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia

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## A Book a Day

By Bruce Catton

A Darker Chapter From Pioneer Life.

Usually we celebrate our pioneers as heroic, other-worldly folk who had their eyes on some mystic vision, endured greatly for it, and lived dauntless lives of Christian self-sacrifice for the sake of their children.

There were some like that, probably; but there were other kinds, too—greedy, hard-fisted, unscrupulous people who viewed strictly on the make, who saw the frontier as a place where only the strong survived and who adapted themselves to it with a grim determination to survive at any price.

It is the latter kind of pioneer that gets between the covers of Mrs. Sandoz's grim novel, "Slough House" (Little, Brown, \$2.50).

This book tells about the settlers of the sandhill Nebraska country, and deals principally with the Clogun family, which is dominated by lawless, determined Gulla Slogum.

Gulla is pure greed. She was a nobody, back in Ohio; her one idea is to become a somebody, so that she can at last go back to Ohio, buy a fine house on a hill, and snub the somebodies who once snubbed her. She stops at nothing to achieve this goal and she forces her family to help.

So Slogum house is a dark and horrible place, a scene of cruelty and murder, of theft and deceit, of cold viciousness applied to the art of getting and keeping money. And the book which describes this house is not pleasant reading; it calls a spade a spade, very bluntly, over and over.

But I think it is a true book. It is convincing. Pioneering had this sort of thing in it, as well as the nobility and sacrifice of tradition. The winning of the west was in some respects an ugly chapter. Miss Sandoz presents the worst of it without mincing words. Her book may shock you, and certainly it will disturb you—but you will remember it.

## Spanish War Prisoners Housed in Open Camps

BARCELONA, Spain. (AP)—The 25,000 to 30,000 prisoners of the Republican government of Spain must be treated as "human beings" under the code of Manuel de Irujo, minister of justice.

A Basque nationalist and devout Catholic, Irujo said in an interview that prisoners should aim at correction and not extermination.

Dealing with a prison population which has increased from a maximum of 10,000 persons before the war, Irujo said he insisted on modern sanitary equipment in prisons despite criticism from some persons who objected that prisoners were too well treated.

Prisoners are being evacuated from besieged Madrid, and many are being housed in open camps under normal, healthy conditions. In a typical camp at Alhambra in the Levante, Irujo explained, specialists are permitted to work outside the prison while others aid in constructing the Madrid-Tarazona railway.

## Paul Harrison in Hollywood

### An Open Letter on Kissing to an Ambitious Movie Fan

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Recently Paul Harrison wrote that Eleanor Powell habitually greets friends with a kiss—a custom well known to the film colony. Then Bruce Kapustka of Chicago wrote Miss Powell, offering, as an expert, to come to Hollywood and kiss her. Just to set Mr. Kapustka right Harrison replies, taking in the whole field of Hollywood, for good measure.

**By PAUL HARRISON**  
**HOLLYWOOD**—A letter to Mr. Bruce Kapustka, 6006 South Albany Street, Chicago, Ill.: Dear Mr. Kapustka:

I have just seen your interesting, if somewhat startling, letter to Miss Eleanor Powell in which you offer to come to Hollywood and kiss her. Also I have read carefully the newspaper clippings telling of your intensive research in the osculatory art.

Since Miss Powell is not likely to get around to replying to your letter, I thought I might answer some of your questions and perhaps save you a trip all the way out here.

Besides, I feel in some measure responsible because I recall having written once that Eleanor Powell is a cordial individual who greets all her friends with a kiss.

However, Mr. Kapustka, I said FRIENDS.

There has been very little indiscriminate kissing in Hollywood in these League-of-Decency days. "Strangers May Kiss" was filmed away back in 1931.

Of course, Mr. Kapustka, I intend no belittlement of your taste or talent by the word "indiscriminate." Yet I am mindful of your claim to having kissed 10,000 pairs of lips from Canada to Cuba.

It is little wonder that in seven osculatory years you have collected material for a book about kissing, poems about kisses, and a kissing novel which you would like to sell to the movies.

### General Kissing Rules

As for your questions about whether Miss Powell closes her eyes while kissing, and what kind of lipstick she uses, and whether she perfumes her lips—those are matters which I leave strictly between Miss Powell and her friends.

However, there are certain general rules for kissing etiquette in the motion picture business. The closing of eyes by the feminine recipient, or reciprocal, depends mostly on the emotional feeling which the scene is supposed to convey. If it's love, she shuts 'em! It's the same with the certainly lifted foot.

In any love scene, regardless of the normal relative heights of the principals, the man always towers masterfully above the girl close-up clinches.

If he happens to be a medium-sized hero, the moviemakers (who think of everything) put him on a box. I'll bet you never thought of that, Mr. Kapustka!

Here in Hollywood, a kiss is not supposed to be more than 10 feet in length. Then feet of film, I mean. That's about seven seconds.

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# Related Holiday

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

LINDA, BENTON—Her father, a member of a famous slayer. CAPT. BARRYMORE TRENT—Hero, flying "bareheaded." "I'll take a chance on it," Barrymore, grandmother, a "strong woman."

Yesterday's Barrymore is called to the rescue of a blonde and over the jungles. It is a bitter test for Linda to have him go. Old Barrymore, despite her words, is deeply moved.

## CHAPTER VII

AT lunch the next day Old Linda was seized with a violent chill, and other symptoms complicated by the quantities of sandwiches she had consumed the night before. She was put to bed, fuming with impatience, and gasping out protests which made her grandson grin appreciatively—for the Duchess had a notable grasp of profane technique.

"I'm afraid we'd better wait till I get back to tell her," Barry said soberly as he and Linda faced each other outside Mrs. Trent's door. "The poor old Duchess has had about all she ought to take for one day."

"I'd rather," Linda said. "I'd like it that way."

At the bottom of the stairway where they had sat for so long that day—was it only yesterday?—Barry turned, his eyes burning down at her.

"Listen, Titania," he said softly. "You haven't forgotten what I asked you—right here—the other day, have you? . . . I said, 'I went on when she did not answer. 'Suppose you knew that I had to go away—almost at once; and might not come back for a long time. Would you marry me then—or would you still feel that we must wait until we knew each other better?'"

"And you knew then," accused Linda, fighting down tears. "All this time you've known."

"It wasn't sure; but there was a chance."

"But, oh, Barry, this isn't for—a long time. It mustn't be."

"Of course not," Barry agreed smoothly. "But anyhow, what was it you said?"

When she did not answer, he prompted. "You said, 'I would marry you if it were the last thing I did!'"

"Yes," Linda breathed, "I did say that. But—"

"And heaven help you if you were fooling me, woman. . . . Don't pussy-foot, Linda. There's so little time left. Was it a promise?"

"Yes," said Linda breathlessly. "It was a promise."

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BUT it was five when Barry knocked at Linda's door.

"I had to—use some rhetoric on Judge Baldwin," he explained, glancing at his watch. "But he understands now. He—Gosh but you look sweet, Titania!"

"If I could only have had more time, Barry," Linda said, glancing down at her dress.

She had slipped on a slim tailored frock of white wool and a small white felt hat. They were not new; they were just—white. And suddenly Linda longed for everything that made a bride lovely.

In the lower hall Barry stopped and picked up a square white box from a side table.

"Almost forgot," he said, offering it to Linda.

Opening it, she found a fragrant nest of white violets. She cried a little from pleasure as she took them from the box and pinned them to her coat.

She was still wiping her eyes, with Barry's arm about her shoulders, when the front door opened abruptly behind them. Turning, they faced Miss Chattam, standing as if riveted to the doorstep, her tense posture very much that of a pointing setter, her quick, pale eyes picking out every detail of the little scene—Linda's moist lids, Barry's arm about her shoulder, their air of startled conspirators.

"I didn't ring," she explained as Linda hastily detached herself from Barry's arm and turned to adjust her hat at the mirror over the wall table, "because I didn't want to disturb your grandmother."

"Dr. Melvor, Captain Trent," said Barry. "I will have to keep. I sent a message explaining."

"Did you ever think, Barry?"—Rita Blanchard's voice took on a faint edge—"that it's sometimes just as bad form not to collect your debts as not to pay them?"

"The account was closed long ago," said Barry. "Your memory is bad."

Then the traffic moved ahead. Linda sat very still. There had been something disturbing about that brief, enigmatic interchange. And she did so want only happiness for Barry and herself during these brief last hours.

(To Be Continued)



# Society

MRS. SID HENRY      TELEPHONE 321

**Christmas**  
Why trees at Christmas? Is it for deep green, And pungent needles, and soft back and twigs? Or for the tinsel strings of candle-light? Trees are a part of silences and stars. They know the clean cold blankets of the snow, And the cold arms of mist, and windy nights, And winter rain and showers in the sun. They stand alone at night, amid the

stir Of forest life; and so we like to think They know the portent of God's mysteries. We cannot frame a sunbeam or a star. Or call in wind and rain to be our guests; All these are too intangible. But trees Are their perennial messengers to us. —Selected.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bridewell will have as members of their Christmas homecoming, their son, Chas. Bridewell and Mrs. Bridewell and Chas. Jr. of Morrilton, Capt. and Mrs. Robt. Vesey and two daughters, Jeannette and Betty of Brookings, S. D., and Mrs. C. E. Bell and Miss Margaret Bell of Texarkana, and their two daughters, Miss Kate and Elizabeth Bridewell, city.

P. D. Burton of Lewisville was a Wednesday business visitor in the city.

Comer Rounton of the Arkansas Medical college, Little Rock, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rounton, Sr.

Harper Leiper of Houston, Texas, is spending a few days visiting with his

sisters, Mrs. Finley Ward and Mr. Ward and Mrs. Billy Bod Herndon, Mr. Herndon before going to Malvern for a Christmas visit.

Miss Doris Turnage of Stamps was the Wednesday guest of friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coop will have as holiday guests, their daughter, Mrs. Jb Johnson and Mr. Johnson, Mrs. V. A. Keith and Mr. Keith and children all of Texarkana.

Friends will be glad to know that the condition of Master Don Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Holt is recovering nicely from a recent appendicitis operation at Josephine hospital.

Miss Allene Campbell was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coop, en route to her home in Idabel for a Christmas visit from Chicago.

R. T. White and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stewart will have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart and little son, Barry, of Vicksburg, and Miss Nancy White of Jackson, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline Franks and children, Mrs. J. A. Davis and Miss Janet Cannon left Thursday for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hinton and other relatives.

Miss Mary Haynes of Chase School, Boston, Mass., and Charles Haynes of University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, have arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Charles Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis were Wednesday visitors in Little Rock.

The Swastika club held its annual Christmas luncheon on Monday at Hotel Barlow. The guests were seated at one large round damask covered table, which held for its central adornment, a huge bowl of holly surrounded by a wreath of holly. Guests other than the club members were Mrs. O. C. Sutton of Fayetteville and Miss Ellen Carrigan. Following the luncheon, cards were played at the home of Mrs. Finley Ward on South Main street, with the high score favor going to Mrs. R. L. Broach. The Ward home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors, with a gleaming lighted tree adding its beauty to the scene.

P. D. Burton Jr. of Lewisville is the house guest of Talbot Feild Jr.

The many friends of Mrs. F. N. Porter will regret to hear that she had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm on Tuesday at her home on East Second street.

## Marlene Dietrich Quits Hollywood

Not Likely to Play in Any More American Films

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(AP)—Marlene Dietrich, 38, German film star, parted company Wednesday with the studio which paid her \$250,000 a picture. That aroused immediate speculation whether she ever would make another American film.

The rift between Miss Dietrich and her studio was disclosed in Paramount's announcement that it has "indefinitely postponed" filming of "French Without Tears." The studio purchased the play at Miss Dietrich's request, she said, with reservations it would be her last American picture.

It was doubtful that Paramount ever would start the production, although the actress' contract, with no time limit, provides for one more starring movie.

Behind her formal separation from the studio, observers cited the factor of million-dollar production costs and waning box office receipts of her pictures. Two of her films in the last five years, "Morocco" and "Shanghai Express," were outstanding money-makers, the remainder not so successful. Critics agreed that "one good picture" might easily restore her to top-flight popularity.



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12 Dower property.  
13 Snake.  
15 Drunkard.  
16 Public auto.  
17 This leader frequently fasts.  
20 Pair.  
21 Not bright.  
22 Century plant fiber.  
23 Eon.  
24 Beetle.  
25 Chums.  
26 Girl.  
27 Annelid.  
29 Platform.  
30 Stream obstruction.  
31 Insect's egg.  
32 Inborn.  
33 Silkworm.  
34 Southeast.  
35 Idant.  
36 To shed feathers.  
37 He encourages.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

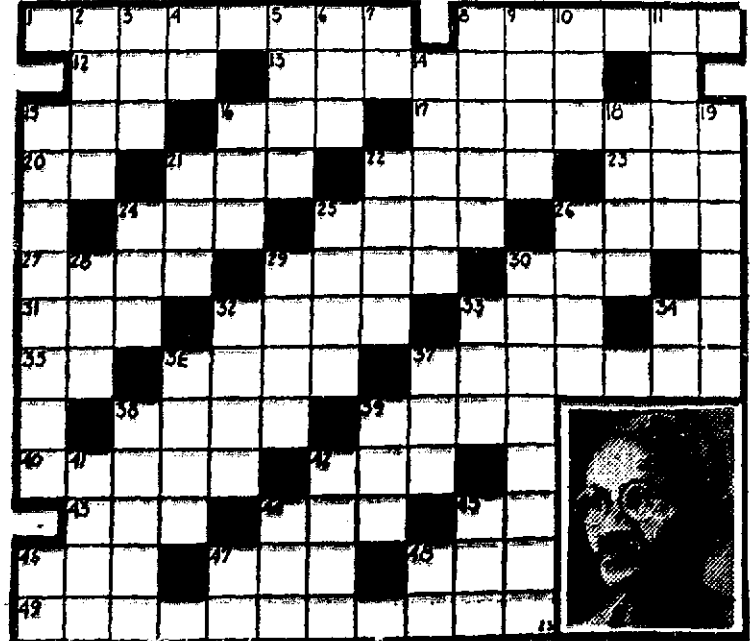
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16 Large.  
18 Baseball nine.  
19 Coffin.  
21 Old garment.  
22 Ache.  
24 Morsel.  
25 Portion.  
26 Secular.  
28 To help.  
29 Blockhead.  
30 To clean with gasoline.  
32 Fetter.  
33 Aurora.  
34 Street.  
36 Money factory.  
37 Flour box.  
38 Instrument.  
39 Noise.  
41 To bellow.  
42 Moldings.  
44 Any flatfish.  
45 Cow's call.  
46 Member of parliament.  
47 Musical note.  
48 3.1416.

Indians to foreign cloth.  
38 Half quart.  
39 Flat plate.  
40 To pulverize.  
42 Baking dish.  
43 Grain.  
44 To put on.  
45 Pronoun.  
46 Male.  
47 Blemish.  
48 Blue grass.  
49 He advocates covering.

2 Smell.  
3 Opposed to cold.  
4 Like.  
5 Percussion instrument.  
6 Bronze.  
7 Spain.  
8 Main points.  
9 Genus of aaks.  
10 Born.  
11 Scalp covering.  
14 Dress coat.



Today's Answers to CRANIUM CRACKERS

Questions on Page One

1. Mohammedanism is the dominant religion of Palestine. More than 70 per cent of the population are Moslems.

2. The states indicated by the flowers are: columbine—Colorado; bluebonnet—Texas; sunflower—Kansas; red clover—Vermont; indian paintbrush—Wyoming.

3. a. The San Francisco earthquake and fire took place April 18-19, 1906.  
b. The Titanic sank April 14-15, 1912.  
c. Lindbergh flew the Atlantic may 20-21, 1927.  
d. Hauptman was executed April 3, 1936.

4. Virginia was named by Sir Walter Raleigh after Elizabeth, the "Virgin Queen" of England. The inscription "In God We Trust," authorized by Congress, was first placed on silver dollars, and other coins large enough to carry the words, in 1866.

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THAT'S ENOUGH HAIR TO STUFF TH' MATTRESSES NEEDED TO SLEEP TH' OVERFLOW AT A RALLY OF TH' UNEMPLOYED!

HMF-F—INDEED! THAT'S MORE THAN YOU TWO WOULD DO FOR THEM—KAFK-KAFK—I PERSUADED MERCHANTS TO PUT SO EXTRA SANTAS TO WORK—BUT THAT PROBABLY DOESN'T QUICKEN YOUR ICE-COATED HEARTS!

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

YOU'LL CATCH ON IN NO TIME, BOOTS! ALL YOU'LL HAVE TO DO WILL BE TO KEEP MY APPOINTMENTS STRAIGHT, TAKE CARE OF THE PHONE CALLS, ETC., ETC. . . . .

I'LL DO MY BEST, DR. SUGGS



ALLEY OOP

UMPA! WHAT ON EARTH—? YEH! AIN'T THAT SWELL! JU'S WHEN I GIT THINGS RUM'IN' PEACEFUL, THAT FOOL ALLEY OOP FOGS IN HERE WITH THAT THING ON HIS HEELS—TH' BLASTED NINCOMPOOP!

Bocoo?



WASH TUBBS

FOR TH' LUVVA PETE STOP PACIN' TH' FLOOR—YOU DRIVE ME DIPPY.

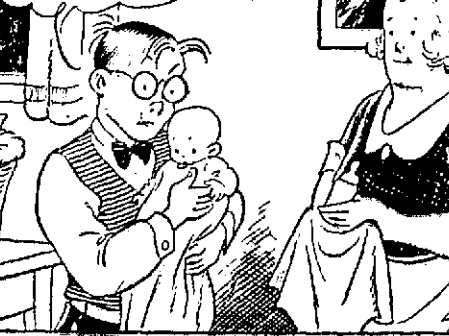
I'M GOING DIPPY, MYSELF. I OWE MY LIFE TO BARNEY HILL—I PROMISED TO LOOK AFTER HIS DAUGHTER—



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

WELL, MOM, IT LOOKS AS IF THIS BABY IS THE SUM TOTAL OF WHAT SANTA CLAUS IS GOING TO BRING US!

IT REMINDS ME OF YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS, SON!—SO BAD HE'S TOO SMALL TO KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!



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PLEASE JACK—WAIT HERE ON THE LANDING—I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I GET WILLIE BACK FROM THE WINDOW!

OKAY, MYRA.



Good Old Hawkins!

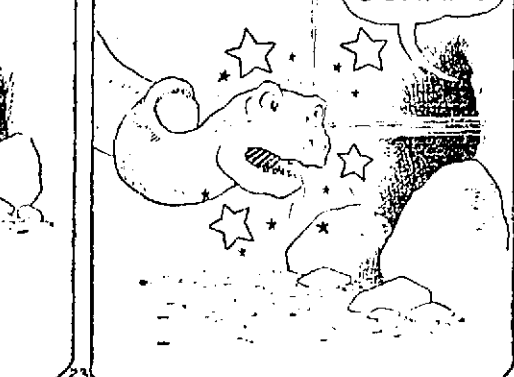
WOW! DIDYA GET A LOAD OF TH' NEW NUMBER OVER AT DOG SUGGS' OFFICE?

YEAH! SHE'LL DO MORE FOR HIS PATIENTS THAN ALL TH' MEDICINE HE COULD FEED 'EM!



Her Bark Is Worse'n Her Bite

GIT AWAY FROM HERE! G'WAN! SCRAM!



A Day of Hope

WHY THE BLAZES DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET THAT WIRELESS WORKING?

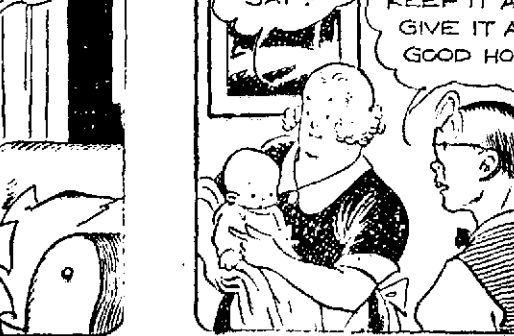
LOOK! A SHIP.



Warming Hearts

HE'S A DREAM! WHAT DID THAT NOTE FROM THE MOTHER SAY?

IT SAID SHE WAS TOO POOR TO CARE FOR THE BABY! AND WOULD I KEEP IT AND GIVE IT A GOOD HOME!



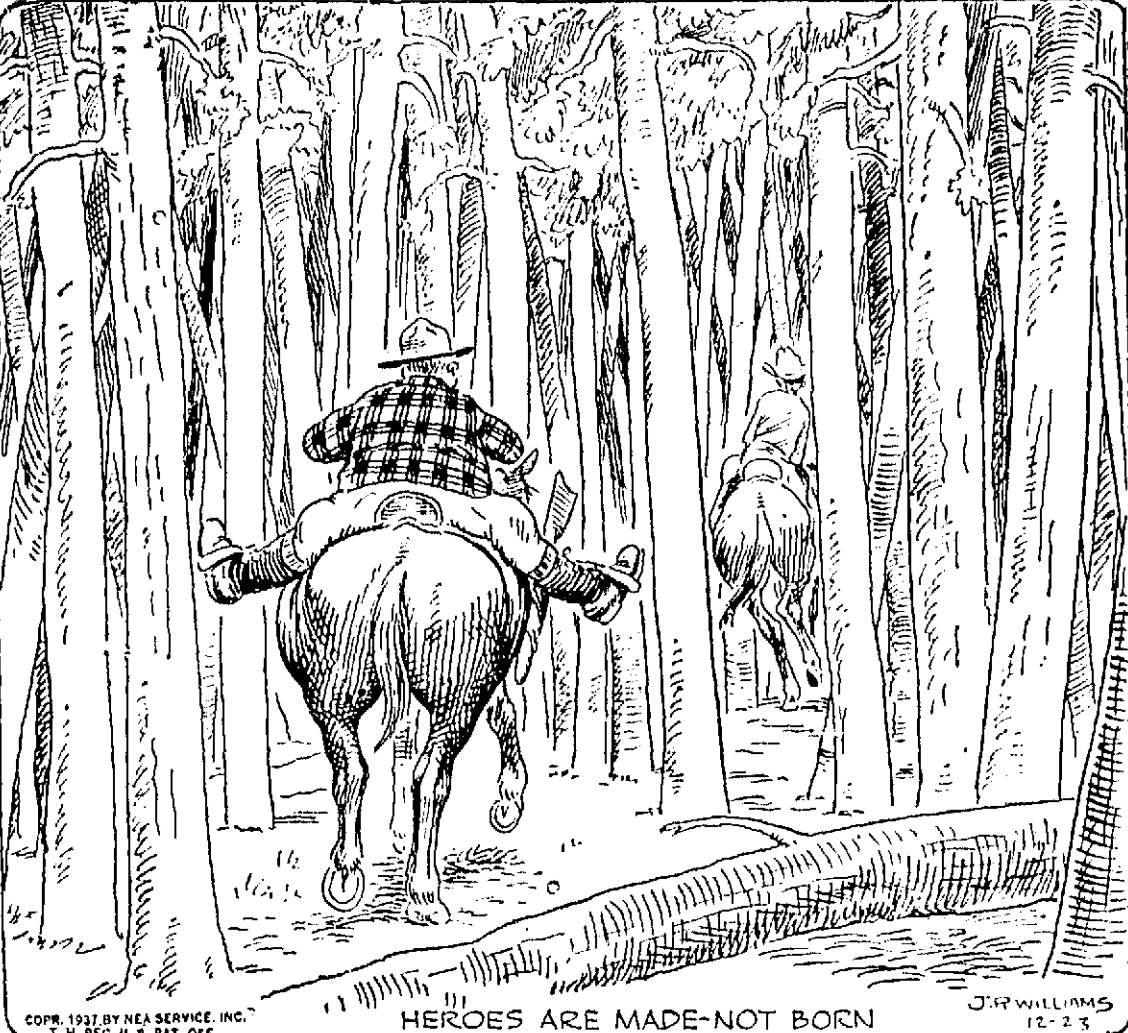
Myra Takes Charge

WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY OLD PLAYMATE! LITTLE SALLY WITH THE PIG-TAILS!

WILLIE! HOW—WHY?



OUT OUR WAY



By WILLIAMS

HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN



By MARTIN

THIS IS MOST EMBARRASSING, BUT—WITH CHRISTMAS 'ERE, SOMETHING SIMPLY AS TO BE DONE . . . . .



By HAMLIN

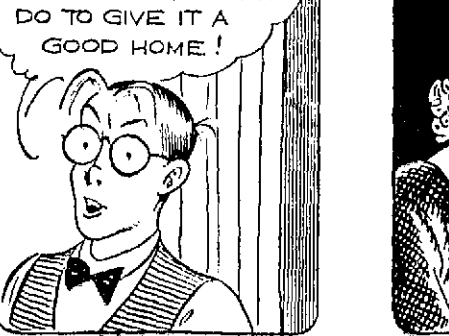
OH! IT'S GOING IN AFTER HIM! HE'LL BE KILLED!

HEM! HE MIGHT BE AT THAT! WELL, I CAN'T JU'S STAND AROUND AN' SEE ANY-THING LIKE THAT HAPPEN—



By CRANE

AT LAST! AT LAST WE'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THE AUTHORITIES ON THE TRAIL OF THOSE CROOKS—



By BLOSSER

POOR CHILD—IT'S SUCH A TINY INFANT!!

SMALL, MOM—BUT SMART! GOSH, HE CAN SAY "GOO" JUST AS PLAINLY AS I CAN!



By THOMPSON AND COLL

YOU SAW US COMING? OH!

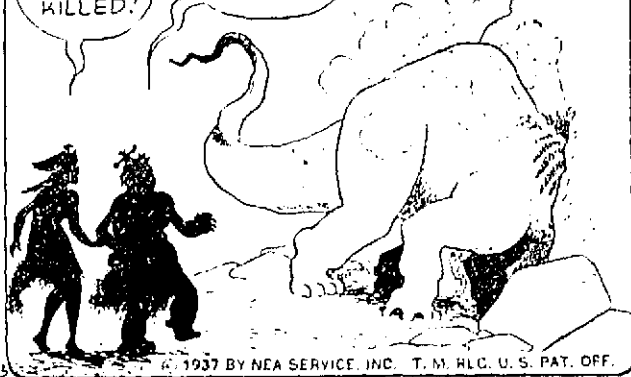
By THOMPSON AND COLL

OH, IT'S TOO HIGH TO JUMP OUT THERE WITH—OUT A PARACHUTE! THEN, TOO, I SAW YOU COMING AND—



By CRANE

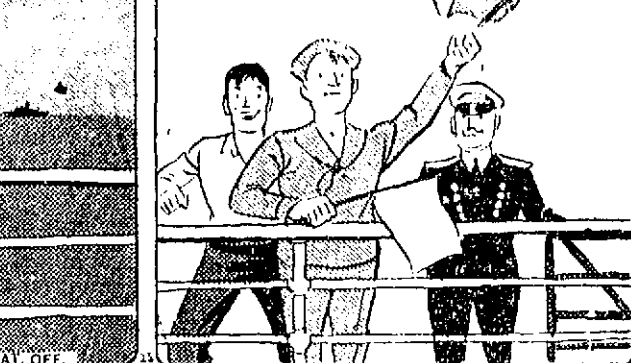
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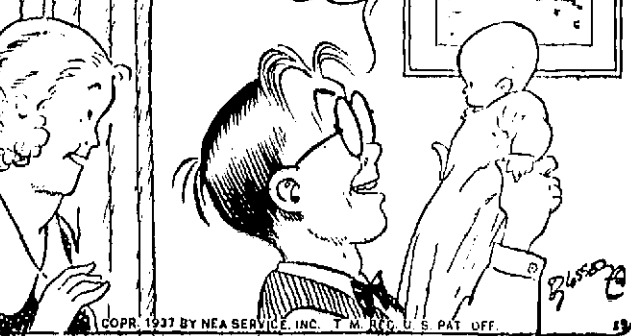
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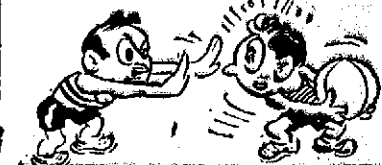


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# THE SPORTS PAGE



## Baseball Enjoys Its Biggest Year

1937 Season Successful From Financial Standpoint, Says Report

By JERRY BRONFIELD  
NEA Service Sports Writer

Old Man 1937, tottering off the sporting stage on shaky legs, doesn't have to be sorry for his particular edition of baseball.

In fact, he can well be proud of the diamond campaign which was brought to a close when a swashbuckling crew of New York Yankees completely routed their arch-rivals, the Giants, in the world series.

From a financial standpoint, the 1937 season was the most successful since 1930. Attendance was up 10 per cent over 1936, with a total of 9,447,497 fans watching the 16 teams. And very surprising was Detroit's feat of outdrawing the champion Yankees by nearly 40,000 in home attendance, the Tigers playing 1,181,000.

In glancing back over the field of action a half dozen or more names and incidents pop into mind as particularly outstanding.

Joe DiMaggio of the Yankees, clearly the greatest drawing card in the game today, and the Cardinals' Joe Medwick were without peers in all-round performance.

The American League race was all New York from early June until the wind-up, but the senior loop again staged one of its customary crazy flag changes.

The Pittsburgh Pirates were making a runaway play of it in May, but just about the time the critics were about to concede that the "P" really had something on the ball the Pirates cracked, and were replaced by the Cubs.

Roaring into the stretch, the Cubs possessed a lead no one ever thought could be overcome. That is, no one but Chilly Willie Terry and his Giants, who took advantage of a flock of Bruin injuries to put on a spurt which took them past a six-game handicap and into a two-and-a-half game margin by September 1. And in first place they stayed.

There was that fateful day late in May when the baseball world held its breath and prayed that from Mike Cochrane might live. Felled by a high first one that blazed from the hand of the Yanks' Bump Hadley, Mickey hovered between life and death for days, before his rugged constitution and fighting spirit carried him out of danger.

American League pitchers long will remember the thundering home-run barrage laid down by the mighty bat of Rudy York during the month of August, when the Tiger backstop belted 18 round-trippers for a new record, eclipsing the mark of 17 for the same period set by Babe Ruth in September, 1927.

There was the no-hit, no-run game turned in by Bill Dietrich of the White Sox against the Browns, the first since August 31, 1935, when Vernon Kennedy, also of the Chicago club, set down the Indians.

The doubting Thomases had their day, but not for long, when young Bob Feller hurt his arm, remained on the sidelines for weeks, and then came back to prove the Indians really had a star of the first magnitude.

One school was one of the most effective hurlers in the majors during the last six weeks of the season.

Other big events found their way into the books—another victory—and a lopsided one—for the American League in the all-star game in Washington; Charley Gehring winning the junior circuit batting crown; Ducky Medwick the National; Rogers Hornsby, Charley Dessen, and Steve O'Neill making their exits of the Browns, Reds, and Indians, respectively; Johnny Allen of Cleveland bagging 15 consecutive contests following an appendectomy; Dizzy Dean faking up after being struck on the foot by a liner off Earl Averill's bat in the all-star production; the Van Lingle Mungo trouble in Brooklyn, etc.

Oscar Vitt is the new Cleveland manager. Bill McKechnie switches from the Boston Bees to Cincinnati, with Casey Stengel replacing him in the Hub. Gabby Street heads the St. Louis Browns.

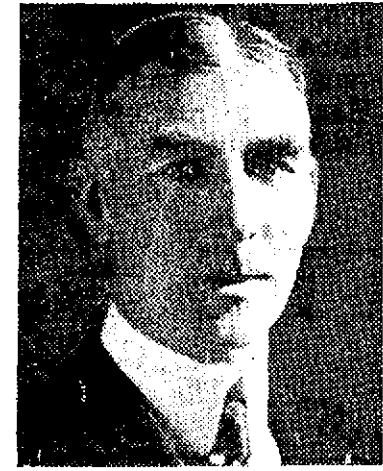
In regard to more recent deals, Cochrane was widely criticized in Detroit for including Outfielder Gerald Walker in a transaction that brought Kennedy from the White Sox, but with Scholbay Rowe a valuable quantity, from Mike was badly in need of pitching.

The year closes with all sides admitting that the Yanks were too good for their own field as well as the National. It remains to be seen whether young Joe Gordon, coming up from Newark to succeed Tony Lazzeri at second base, can keep them going as did the ignited

## Connie Mack, Celebrating His 75th Birthday, Has No Thought of Retiring From Baseball



1902—Wins first pennant.



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Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics . . . 75 years young and going strong.



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## Connie Mack, at 75, Is Still Busiest Man in Philadelphia Baseball Picture

Veteran Director of Athletics Celebrating His Birthday Thursday—Hopes for Pennant Winner by 1940

By HARRY GRAYSON  
Sports Editor, NEA Service

PHILADELPHIA—The amazing figure that is Connie Mack celebrates his 75th birthday, December 23. Imagine it, a man who has played a full nine innings every day for three-quarters of a century, not only actively managing a major league baseball club, but running its business office as well. Jimmy Dykes, boss of the Chicago White Sox and one of Mack's many proteges, who resides in nearby Upper Darby, recently visited the venerable leader of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Mack told Dykes, of whom he is very fond, that during the sick spell from which he now is recovering, he feared that he wouldn't reach 75, but now that he is going to celebrate that milestone, he's positive that he'll reach 80.

Mack has no thought of retiring. He couldn't stand idleness. Being in the thick of things keeps him going. Baseball and the conversation it develops is life itself to the youngest old gentleman that you'll ever meet.

Mack is getting stronger every day despite loss of weight, and though his family urges him to go to Florida, he will remain in Philadelphia all winter. "There is too much to be done," he beams.

Mack can be reached in the Athletics' offices at Shibe Park daily now, after being confined to his home for two months. He dictated letters and arranged the Athletics' spring training schedule while in bed.

Mack's birthday will be quietly celebrated with his large family at his Germantown home, with the real blow-out due when the Philadelphia sports writers honor him at their annual dinner, January 27. Al Harwitz, president

Italian, now something or other with the Cubs.

If Gordon turns out to be another Lazzeri, or any part of one, there is every reason to suspect that for several seasons it will be just too bad for the other American League outfits and the National League's world series entry.

Unlike Connie Mack, Col. Jake Rupert doesn't have to and won't break up his champions.

of that fine organization, can be depended upon to see that this splendid character hears all the nice things that should be said about him.

Mr. Mack, as he is addressed by everybody, is willing to spend money, will not sell stars, and still hopes to obtain some first class athletes. He wants another winner before his days are concluded, and believes that he'll have a great club in 1940.

Sharp As Crack of Bat  
Mack's mind remains as sharp as the crack of a base hit.

His desk sits in the corner of a spacious room in the tower of Shibe Park, with heavy, leather-upholstered chairs grouped carefully about. Each has its massive ash tray. There is no hurry when you come to talk with Connie Mack. On one side of the room is a doorway which can be made into a lounge. It is Connie's lone concession to the popular notion that the years are growing heavy. On his desk is a rare assortment of trophies that could tell much of the drama of baseball.

Mack sits with his back to the triple window in the tower, so that every line in the visitor's face is revealed by the light. You see that you are being weighed and judged by those sharp eyes, almost invisible under their shaggy brows. For no reason you can think of at the moment, you hope he likes you.

I wanted to ask him something profound, what his advice would be to modern youth, what memories he had stored away.

But I felt that it would make him laugh.

Connie Mack isn't an old man. Years accumulate with the turn of the calendar. Age creeps up on those who wait for it.

Connie Mack isn't waiting. He's still hitting the first good ball.

## Redfern's Wife Renews Effort to Be Widow

DETROIT, Mich.—(AP)—A second attempt to have herself declared a legal widow was begun by Mrs. Gertrude S. Redfern, wife of Paul Redfern, violinist who vanished on a flight to Rio de Janeiro from Brunswick, Ga., August 25, 1927.

Her attorney, Karl E. Scott, filed a petition in Wayne Circuit Court asking for determination of Mrs. Redfern's status as a widow.

Probate Judge Edward Command denied a similar petition on the ground that there was no estate and that therefore the Probate Court did not have jurisdiction. Hearing on the new petition was set for January 3.

## Fresno Boasts of Powerful Squad

Western Team Prepares to Meet Arkansas Teachers Christmas Day

FRESNO, Calif.—(AP)—The most powerful football team in the history of Fresno State college will try to uphold its western supremacy when the Bulldogs line up again against Arkansas State Teachers in the post-season inter-sectional game at Los Angeles, Christmas day.

The team won the far western conference championship in decisive fashion, rolling up one-sided scores in its four league contests. It lost one game, and tied one, to outside eleven. The defeat was inflicted by Hardin-Simmons, a matter of 14 to 7, with Fresno threatening to score in the final moments. Fresno outscored the Texans, 228 yards to 200.

Included in the string of seven wins were a 46 to 8 setback to University of Nevada; a 40 to 7 conquest of Chico State college and the 20 to 0 driver over Amos Alonzo Stagg's college of the Pacific team which decided the conference title.

Couch Jimmy "Rabbit" Bradshaw, a ball carrying star at Nevada from 1919 to 1921, built his current team around two stoutest backfield men—left half Toby Heeb and fullback Ken Gleason. Both were all-conference stars and received honorable mention on the annual all-Pacific coast team.

Heeb, safety man, ranked as one of the best safety men on the coast, all teams considered. Against Hardin-Simmons, despite the fact he was on the losing side, he ran back kicks for a total of 222 yards and an average of 18 yards. One of his feats was the run back of a punt 72 yards through the Texas squad for a touchdown. He weighs 154 pounds and is slippery as an eel.

Fullback Gleason, weighing 180 pounds, provided the line punch. He is the main posting and kicking threat. He had a punting average of 40 yards per game.

The starting eleven averages around 185 pounds to the man on the line and 170 pounds in the backfield.

Bradshaw, who took over the head coaching reins in 1936 after mentoring the Stanford freshman for several years, is a disciple of the Warner system of football. Variations of his own have served to add to the deception of the Fresno attack.

The team relies heavily on passes, both of the forward and lateral variety while the reverses and fakes combine to make the attack one of the trickiest seen in the west this fall.

I just kind of made myself thin and prayed.—William Chundrick, 11, Detroit, who flattened himself between railroad tracks after saving two companions.

## Santa Killed in Leap From Plane

Christmas Party of Children Horrified, Witnesses Tragedy

BOSTON.—(AP)—High over Boston airport, a brightly-costumed Santa Claus Wednesday night stepped from a circling plane and suspended by a wind-caught parachute, dropped and disappeared in dusk-blanketed Boston harbor as a Christmas party of children looked on horrified.

An hour after he fell, Coast Guard, army, navy and harbor police craft, searching the murky waters as pursuit planes dropped flares, had failed to find any trace of the parachute jumper.

Soon after the search started, an army plane, taxiing to a landing, and a police automobile, rushing underwater searchlights to the scene, crashed, sending Sgt. Edward J. Seibold, Boston police ballistics expert, to a hospital injured critically. Less seriously hurt was his assistant, Patrolman John Florin.

Almost simultaneously, a small boat in which two enlisted army men, Richard Miller and Earl Jordan, were searching for the parachute jumper, capsized. Coast Guardsmen pulled the men, half-drowned, from the frigid water. They, too, went to the hospital.

The accidents came at the climax of a party for children of members of an Army Air Corps detachment at the East Boston Airport. Jumping up and down with glee, the children eagerly awaited the descent of Kris Kringle from the air when:

"Private Kramer stepped out of the plane," reported Capt. Richard E. Cobb, commanding officer of the detachment an pilot of the ship. "His chute opened. We were about 1,500 feet above the airport. There was a 40-mile an hour wind blowing. The wind caught the parachute. Kramer landed in the water about 150 to 200 feet from the airport. He struggled to free himself from the parachute."

Cobb landed his plane, seized a cork life preserver, took off again, and dove for the preserver at the spot where the parachute made a light splash against the water.

"I don't know whether he got it," Cobb said, "but he seemed to be above water then."

Kramer, an enlisted man and a veteran parachute jumper, is married and has one child.

And 100-odd children, the cheeks of some of them wet with tears, struggled home. Sobbed one little girl. "Won't Santa come now?"

## Japan Forms New

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tators, accused of plotting "a general revolution based on Communism."

Police said the alleged movements were directed by three organizations—the Farmer-Labor party, the Proletarian party and the All Japan Council of Labor Farmer Unions. The Home Ministry ordered the three parties dissolved.

The arrests, including those of a member of Parliament and several university professors, were made during a nationwide series of raids begun last week but not announced until Thursday.

"The main point of their movement apparently was to lead a general revolution based on Communism," the metropolitan police said. "Since the outbreak of the Chinese incident they have used every opportunity to spread anti-war propaganda throughout the nation."

Inquiry "Progressing"  
The Foreign Office declined to say whether the "interim report" would serve as a reply or as a basis for a reply to American notes protesting the Panay attack, but said "investigations are progressing."

The report said that the Japanese fliers who attacked the Janay and three Standard Oil vessels, also bombed Japanese troops and killed two soldiers despite that the troops waved 11 Japanese flags.

"The Japanese military forces had no hostile intentions toward American ships or nationals," the new report said. "It is impossible that a Japanese force should ever intentionally attack or trespass on any American ship know the vessel as such."

"Actually the Japanese soldiers at the front are well-disposed toward foreigners, especially Americans, as may be seen by the manner in which the American wounded were treated in the present case."

Many boys are too shy to make dates; parents should step in and encourage them.—Rev. Dr. Roy Burkart, Columbus, Ohio.

## Income Tax Reports Show Big Increase

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—All sections of the country contributed to a 70 per cent increase in income taxes collected this month through December 20 as compared to the same period last year. They included the last payment of taxes on 1936 incomes. The Treasury announced total collections for this month were \$467,782,101. They were \$275,706,756 for the same period of 1936.

Arkansas Report  
LITTLE ROCK.—Total income taxes collected by the federal government in Arkansas up to December 20 of this year have almost doubled the entire 1936 collections. Homer M. Adkins, collector of internal revenue, said Wednesday. The 1936 taxes amounted to \$2,223,822.40, while income taxes for 1937 have been \$4,211,244.16 to date. Collections for the remaining days of the year are not expected to be large.

## Congress Quits, With Little Done

Housing, Only Completed Act—Wage-Hour, Farm Bills Held Up

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The senate passed the housing bill Tuesday 66 to 4, the house sent it to conference and with these things done, congress gladly concluded its special session.

Some of departing members, more particularly those of Republican persuasion, were calling it "the goose-egg session," because, although much preparatory work was done, not one of the Roosevelt bills it was called upon to consider was finally enacted.

The wage and hour bill, rejected by the house, was reposing in a labor committee pigeon-hole, the farm and housing bills, approved by both branches in different form, were in the conference stage, government reorganization and regional planning had received no more than committee consideration.

The congress completed action only on bills to pay the traveling expenses of the membership and the wages of the pages, a bill to lend four portraits to an art gallery, one to amend the Credit Union Act and a resolution asking the Agriculture Department what had been done to prevent the distribution of an elixir of sulfanilamide.

## McReynolds Death Declared Suicide

Widow Gives No Reason for Husband Shooting Himself to Death

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—A verdict of suicide was returned by Dr. A. J. Terry, deputy coroner, after a brief inquest Wednesday into the death of Edward H. McReynolds, former director of publicity and advertising for the Missouri Pacific railroad.

McReynolds, 48, was found dead in bed at his home with a bullet wound in his head. The widow, Mrs. Augusta Clay McReynolds, testified to finding the body of her husband but said she could give no reason for his act.

Funeral services will be held here Thursday and the body will be cremated.

## Third "Ride" Victim Reported at Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—The third holiday "ride" victim in Shelby county (Memphis) since Sunday reported to officers Wednesday night.

C. F. Kessler, chief chemist for a manufacturing chemist concern here, told sheriff's deputies he was beaten and robbed of \$50 and thrown out of his own automobile in lonely Nonconform river bottoms. He said two negroes fled with his car.

In a dazed condition, Kessler walked to a store. He was taken to a physician for treatment of minor cuts.

On Monday Robert F. Shutt, a cashier, told police two men abducted him in his own automobile and left him stripped and bound near Hernando, Miss., after robbing him of valuables and his car.

The night before, A. H. Murrell reported a similar experience. He said he was robbed of \$35 and left locked in the rumble seat of his car from which he extricated himself after tearing away part of the seat springs.

It's beautiful.—Julian Galindo, 12, of El Paso, Texas, after an operation on his eyes which permitted him to see for the first time.

## Much Cotton to Be Used in Highways

Roper Predicts 10,000,000 Bales a Year Might Be Consumed

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary Roper said Wednesday he had received estimates that 10,000,000 bales of cotton a year eventually might be planned in highway construction. He explained that cotton had been used successfully in many states to re-enforce bituminous-surfaced highways and that the estimate came from experts outside the government.

Roper said that officials of the Agriculture Department and Bureau of Air Commerce had discussed recently possible use of cotton products in construction of airport runways.

The Bureau of Air Commerce announced that arrangements were being made to donate cotton materials to sponsors of airport projects, with a limit of \$10,000 per project in value of material furnished.

The Agriculture Adjustment Administration announced last August that an additional \$100,000 had been made available for continuation of work in developing and expanding new uses of cotton. Previously 8,500 bales of surplus cotton had been provided for highway experimental work and about \$7,000 for work toward the development of other new uses.

The Agriculture Department has announced that cotton re-enforced highways will be tested under all kinds of traffic conditions. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has sought to design a low-cost, high-quality fabric for the tests. The quantity of cotton used to manufacture the materials developed by the bureau varies from five to eight bales a mile.

The oldest known experimental "cotton road" was built in South Carolina in 1926. It consists of 200 feet on Route 2 between Chapin and Prosperity.

## Plan to Abandon Greenwood Mill

Caddo River Lumber Company to Consolidate Milling Interests

GLENWOOD, Ark.—(AP)—The Caddo River Lumber Company will close its large mill here Friday and consolidate operations of its Arkansas interests at the Rosboro plant, officials announced.

The Glenwood mill, one of the biggest in the South, has been operated on a skeleton basis by a crew of 75 since fire destroyed the planer plant and 500,000 feet of lumber in 1936. It formerly employed 500 men daily.

The Rosboro mill will be put on two eight-hour shifts.

General Manager T. W. Rosboro declined to discuss reports that the Rosboro mill would be moved to Oregon where the company recently bought a large tract of virgin timber.

A gentle pat on the cheek and a light squeeze of the hand is very helpful. Dr. Ansel Caine, Tulane University medical school, advising nurses.

## Auto License Sale to Begin January 3

Deadline for Purchase of New Tags Will Be March 1

LITTLE ROCK.—March 1 will be the deadline for purchasing 1938 automobile and driver's license, sale of which will begin at the capitol and in certain designated cities throughout the state January 3. Revenue Commissioner Z. M. McCarroll said Wednesday.

A 1937 act made the March 1 deadline mandatory.

Passenger car tags will have white numerals on a red background. The combination will be reversed on truck licenses.

The 1938 driver's licenses will cost 35 cents. Each driver must secure a license.

Chief Gray Albright of the State Police said Wednesday night that persons who have no driver's license will be required next year to pass an examination to prove their ability to operate a car safely. Persons having a driver's license will be issued the same number when they buy a new license next year. They will not be required to take an examination.

## Lee Gelbach Testing New "Mystery" Planes

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Power dives from 20,000 feet by Pilot Lee Gelbach Wednesday tested new "mystery" fighting planes, 30 of which are being built by the navy by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation.

Two of the single-motored monoplanes, accepted by navy observers, took off for the naval aviation base at Quantico, Va. Details of armaments and performance for the new fighting craft were kept secret.

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### Will Remove Russian Scientists From Ice

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Soviet authorities Wednesday announced plans to take four polar campers from a drifting ice floe as soon as they get far enough south so they can be approached by ice breakers.

The men, members of a Russian scientific expedition, radioed that their camp can no longer be called the northernmost habitation since it has drifted below the latitude of Rudolf island, where a Soviet polar base is maintained. They have been on the floe seven months and have drifted from the north pole southward about

### Hempstead Convict Is Given 30-Day Release

Herbert Cheatham of Hempstead county was one of 56 inmates freed from the state prison farm by Governor Bailey for the Christmas holidays.

Cheatham, serving five years for second degree murder, was given a 30-day release.

560 miles. They advised Moscow they were able to see the coast of Greenland on clear days.

## Story of the Birth of Christ Is Told by Rev. Fred Harrison



By REV. FRED R. HARRISON

An angel's broadcast nearly two thousand years ago announced the world's most momentous and significant event since creation. The angel said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." This is found in Luke 2:10-11.

About six months after the birth of Jesus, the Baptist Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem of Judea, six miles south of Jerusalem. Thither Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Joseph, to whom she was espoused, had gone from their home in Nazareth to be enrolled in the census ordered in a special decree by Caesar Augustus. "In the political condition of the Roman Empire, of which Judea former a part, a single whisper of the Emperor was sufficiently powerful to secure the execution of his mandates in the remotest corner of the civilized world." Thus this statement is explanation of the appearance of Joseph and Mary at the time and place appointed at such a critical period in Mary's life.

The multitudes that came up for this enrollment from distant quarters because of ancestral connections with this historic village, soon crowded its little inns and public houses. In connection with such an inn, usually the central space of its square enclosure

but probably in this case a cave in the limestone rock, was a stable or a place for the camels and cattle of the guests. Joseph and Mary, along with many other belated travelers, took refuge from the night in just such a place. Here Jesus was born. Mary wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes, and because there was no other cradle to receive the precious bundle she laid the child in the trough from which the camels were fed.

Luke's Story of Birth

Luke most vividly tells the story of announcement of the birth of Christ to the world. Shepherds were in the field keeping watch over their flocks. Suddenly out of the quietness of the night the angel's voice began broadcasting the good news to the sleeping shepherds. They waked. A chorus of the angelic messengers joined the first, and they burst forth with the glad song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds rose up to go see this mighty thing which had come to pass. So they climbed the rocky slope to Bethlehem and "found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

The birth of Jesus created a new center for the world and set heaven and earth revolving around His cradle. The angels sang, shepherds wondered, a new star glittered upon the blue curtain of the night, and wise men came from afar to worship Him. Rumors of a coming King or Saviour were widespread in the ancient world and doubtless had reached these worshippers of the sun to whom the stars were embodiments of deity. In due time "they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshipped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

To escape the murderous intent, born of fear of a rival, of Herod, who sent soldiers to thrust a sword through every cradle in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph fled with the Child by way of Egypt and returned to Nazareth.

Actual Birthday Unknown

And so we come to another season of the year when we celebrate the birthday of Christ. We have named this celebration Christmas. However, the celebration of Christmas was not among the earliest church festivals, and the precise date of the birth of Jesus was unknown. Clement of Alexandria, writing around 200 A. D.

states that some fixed the date on May 20, and others adopted April 19 or 20. A passage in Hippolytus of about the same period gives the date as December 25. As early as 385 A. D. the birthday of Jesus was celebrated in Bethlehem on January 6, which was accepted generally throughout the East. During the fourth and fifth centuries the church gradually adopted December 25 as the Nativity date, and this ultimately became universal except in Armenia.

The adoption of this universal date had the effect of attracting converts away from the old heathen feast days which occurred about the same time. For example, Mithraism celebrated on that date a festival to the sun. There was also the Roman festival of Saturnalia, characterized by merriment and the exchange of gifts, which was celebrated for seven days between December 17 and 24. The early Teutonic tribes celebrated the return of the sun at the close of the year in their Yule festival; and their descendants, in the seventeenth century, gave to Christmas the fir tree.

However the feast of the Nativity may have been influenced or enriched by other religious festivals, it is not these added observances which properly interpret the meaning of Christmas. The Christmas occasion revolves about the fact that there was born into the world the Christ-child, whose

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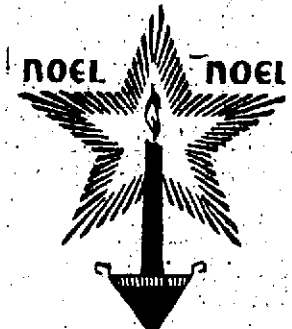
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